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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 9. In the attached sheet of drawings, "PRIOR ART" reference has been added.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 4

has been canceled and claims 1, 6 and 8 have been amended. It is submitted that this

Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 13, 2009.

Drawings

The drawings filed on October 23, 2008 are objected to by the Examiner. The Examiner

requests that Figure 9 be labeled as "Prior Art" since the Examiner alleges it shows only that

which is old in the art.

This objection is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that Fig. 9 has been amended to

overcome this objection.

Specification

The paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1, has been amended for clarification.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by

Takeki (JP 04-164540).

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1, as amended, now calls for the feature of

"wherein the track member is formed with a rolling member rolling groove extending in the axial

direction thereof as the guide portion, the movable member is formed with a loaded rolling

member rolling groove opposing to the rolling member rolling groove formed to the track

member, and the movable member has both side surfaces to each of which vertical two rows of

the loaded rolling member rolling grooves are formed, and a number of rolling member are

interposed between the rolling member rolling groove of the track member and the loaded rolling

member rolling groove of the movable member to be rollable therebetween." Also, independent

claims 6 and 8 have been amended to include similar feature. This Amendment is supported by

claim 4 and the specification (page 10, lines 8-10).

It is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of anticipation is moot in view of this

Amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection regarding claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 is

respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over

Kuo et al. (US 2003/0164054) in view of Takeki (JP 04-164540).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 6

Independent claims 1 and 6 calls for the amended feature of "wherein the track member is

formed with a rolling member rolling groove extending in the axial direction thereof as the guide

portion, the movable member is formed with a loaded rolling member rolling groove opposing to

the rolling member rolling groove formed to the track member, and the movable member has

both side surfaces to each of which vertical two rows of the loaded rolling member rolling

grooves are formed, and a number of rolling member are interposed between the rolling member

rolling groove of the track member and the loaded rolling member rolling groove of the movable

member to be rollable therebetween."

It is submitted that none of the cited references discloses or suggests the amended feature

of claims 1 and 6. Moreover, according to this structure, the inventions of claims 1 and 6 have

an effect that "such four-rows arrangement of the ball circulation passages will bear the load

applied to the movable block in every direction in the section shown in Fig. 2" (please see page

11, lines 3-5 of the specification).

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Accordingly, claims 1 and 6 distinguish over Kuo and Takeki.

Claim 7 is dependent from claim 6 and recites the additional features set forth therein.

Accordingly claim 7 also distinguishes over Kuo and Takeki for at least the reasons set forth

above.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeki (JP

04-164540) in view of JP 61-29163.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that claim 5 is dependent from

claim 1 and recites the additional features set forth therein. Accordingly claim 5 also

distinguishes over Takeki and JP 61-29163 for at least the reasons set forth above.

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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants

submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request

such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to

expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate

extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect

to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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